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Amendments to the Claims

1.-2. (Cancelled)

- 3. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim [[1]] 9, wherein the detachable connection of the barrel to the weapon base is interposed between the trigger guard and the center of the length.
- 4. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim [[1]] 9, wherein the barrel is detachably connected to the weapon base by means of a prismatic clamping joint.
- 5. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim [[1]] 9, wherein the barrel is detachably connected to the weapon base by a cylindrical clamping joint.
- 6. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim [[1]] 9, wherein the barrel is detachably connected to the weapon base by a screw connection.

7.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 1, A short repeater rifle comprising:

a barrel including first and second ends having a center of length interposed between the first and second ends, the first end including a cartridge receiver and a locking system;

a trigger assembly including a trigger and a trigger guard attachable to the short repeater rifle and interposed between the first end and the center of length of the barrel, characterized in that wherein the trigger is configured as a catch-less toggle lever trigger and the trigger assembly has a trigger lug, which is spatially separated from the toggle lever trigger, which is arranged behind this trigger in the shooting direction, and which is connected to the toggle lever trigger over a connecting rod;

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a firing mechanism operably connected to the trigger assembly and interposed between the trigger assembly and the first end of the barrel;

a magazine engagable with the short repeater rifle between the first end of the barrel and the firing mechanism;

a weapon base detachably connected to the barrel between the trigger guard and the second end of the barrel; and

a targeting device detachably connected to the barrel proximal to the weapon base, wherein the weapon base and targeting device are detachably connected to the barrel such that a center of gravity of the short repeater rifle lies in front of the trigger guard in a shooting direction.

- 10. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim [[1]] 9, characterized in that the drive of the firing mechanism is arranged in front of the magazine in the shooting direction.
- 11. (Original) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 10, characterized in that the firing mechanism has a cocking lever without a catch element.
- 12. (Original) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 10, characterized in that the firing mechanism has a striker spring, which is configured as a tension spring.
- 13. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 12. A short repeater rifle comprising:

a barrel including first and second ends having a center of length interposed between the first and second ends, the first end including a cartridge receiver and a locking system;

a trigger assembly including a trigger and a trigger guard attachable to the short repeater rifle and interposed between the first end and the center of length of the barrel;

a firing mechanism operably connected to the trigger assembly and interposed between the trigger assembly and the first end of the barrel, wherein the firing mechanism has a striker spring, which is configured as a tension spring, and characterized in that the firing mechanism

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includes a sliding block with a holding catch, a connecting rod of arbitrary length, and a cocking lever, wherein the trigger assembly and the firing mechanism are configured so that the force of the striker spring is held in the tensioned state by the trigger lug in connection with the sliding block behind the striker spring and the striker spring drives the cocking lever via a connecting rod and also the cocking lever is brought into the striking position for a repeating process and is held in the striking position by the trigger lug engaging in the holding eatch on the sliding block, wherein the striker spring can be tensioned and relaxed by hand by the cocking lever;

a magazine engagable with the short repeater rifle between the first end of the barrel and the firing mechanism, wherein a drive of the firing mechanism is arranged in front of the magazine in the shooting direction;

a weapon base detachably connected to the barrel between the trigger guard and the second end of the barrel; and

a targeting device detachably connected the barrel proximal to the weapon base, wherein the weapon base and targeting device are detachably connected to the barrel such that a center of gravity of the short repeater rifle lies in front of the trigger guard in a shooting direction.

14. (Currently amended) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 1, A short repeater rifle comprising:

a barrel including first and second ends having a center of length interposed between the first and second ends, the first end including a cartridge receiver and a locking system. characterized in that the locking system includes a straight-line tension lock;

a trigger assembly including a trigger and a trigger guard attachable to the short repeater rifle and interposed between the first end and the center of length of the barrel;

a firing mechanism operably connected to the trigger assembly and interposed between the trigger assembly and the first end of the barrel;

a magazine engagable with the short repeater rifle between the first end of the barrel and the firing mechanism;

a weapon base detachably connected to the barrel between the trigger guard and the

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second end of the barrel; and

a targeting device detachably connected the barrel proximal to the weapon base, wherein the weapon base and targeting device are detachably connected to the barrel such that a center of gravity of the short repeater rifle lies in front of the trigger guard in a shooting direction.

- 15. (Original) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 14, characterized in that it has a forestock and the straight-line tension lock can be operated by means of a ridged grip on the forestock.
- 16. (Original) Short repeater rifle according to Claim 14, characterized in that the straight-line tension lock can be operated by means of a lever that can be mounted on the left or right in the shooting direction.